



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 145**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6858

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2005*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. STONE, C. of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS WHO  
ARE CURRENTLY LICENSED IN OTHER STATES OR A  
COMMONWEALTH OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-333a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, upon the payment  
4 of the appropriate fee, as provided in section 20-335, grant a license or  
5 a card of registration provided for in this chapter, without an  
6 examination, to any currently practicing, competent person who holds  
7 a similar license or card of registration granted by any other state, the  
8 District of Columbia or any territory or commonwealth of the United  
9 States having licensure or registration requirements substantially  
10 similar to, or higher than, those of this state, if the licensing authority  
11 in such other state, the District of Columbia or any territory or  
12 commonwealth of the United States may grant such similar license or

13 card of registration, without an examination, to any currently  
14 practicing, competent licensee or registrant from this state. The  
15 commissioner, with the advice and consent of the appropriate  
16 examining board, may adopt regulations in accordance with the  
17 provisions of chapter 54 in order to carry out the provisions of this  
18 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	20-333a

**GL**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill allows the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection to issue a license without examination to contractors and journeypersons licensed by the District of Columbia or a United States territory under certain conditions. To the extent that the bill may encourage licensees of the District of Columbia or another United States territory to register in the state, the bill could result in a minimal revenue gain.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS WHO ARE CURRENTLY LICENSED IN OTHER STATES OR A COMMONWEALTH OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the consumer protection commissioner to issue a Connecticut license without examination to contractors and journeymen licensed by the District of Columbia or a United States territory or commonwealth in the same way and under the same conditions that he may issue such licenses to people licensed by another state.

The bill applies to electricians; plumbers; heating, piping and cooling contractors and journeymen; elevator contractors and craftsmen; solar contractors and journeymen; fire protection sprinkler contractors and journeymen; irrigation contractors and journeymen; sheet metal contractors and journeymen; and automotive and flat glass contractors and journeymen.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

**BACKGROUND*****Reciprocal Licensure***

The law allows reciprocal licensure if the other jurisdiction's requirements are at least equal to those of Connecticut and if this privilege is provided to Connecticut residents on a reciprocal basis. The applicant must pay the appropriate annual fee (\$75 for contractors and \$60 for journeymen). The law allows the consumer protection commissioner to adopt regulations with the advice and consent of the appropriate licensing board.

***Occupational Licensing System***

State law establishes a licensing system for several trades overseen by

different licensing boards, including the Electrical Work Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Board. The boards are within the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP). They have the power to determine who qualifies for a license and to enforce standards by disciplining licensees. Boards may create limited licenses authorizing their holders to work in a specific area of a trade. Each trade has different levels of expertise—apprentice, journeyman, and contractor. Workers must meet education, training, and experience requirements to qualify for each level. The boards establish less extensive requirements for workers attempting to qualify for a limited license. DCP's duties to the boards include receiving complaints, carrying out investigations, and performing administrative tasks, such as physically issuing licenses and renewals.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12      Nay 2